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Malaya's newest Methodist Church has just been erected at Pendamaran New Village, near Port Swettenham, Selangor, and there are at least sixty young people who are proud to think of it as "OUR CHURCH."

They are the young Christians who spent their August school holidays in the village at the first Work Camp ever held in this country. The building went up, from foundation to roof, largely because they worked with their own hands to do the job.

Directed by the Rev. J. Harry Haines, of Ipoh, the Work Camp was set up locally by the Methodist Youth Fellowships of Klang and Port Swettenham, under the leadership of Miss Harriet Sinnathamby, Klang MYF President, and the Rev. and Mrs. Robert F. Lundy.

The new structure will seat 240 persons. It is 65 feet long and 35 feet wide. There is a corrugated iron roof and the floor is of cement. The posts rise to a height of sixteen feet and make the building, set in the very centre of the village, visible all around for nearly a mile. The spire is a cross, set atop the roof.

Behind these statistics is a bit of romance and adventure. There was a contractor, to be sure, and there were carpenters employed to do the necessary building supervision and the more skilled jobs. There was a concrete mason.

But the clearing of the lallang, the laying of the stakes, the construction of the workmen's shed, the hauling and distributing of earth-fill, the mixing and pouring of the concrete, and the painting of the rafters—these were all the responsibility of the campers.

They were a willing lot. They knew they had come to work. Many of them were surprised at the nature of the work to be done. But all were eager to learn, to help. Boys and girls alike entered into this enterprise with a good spirit. When they left, September 4, the roof was on and a service had been held under it.

This was no carefully-planned Institute. Most of the inspiration was experienced in the joy of a good day's work and a day-by-day appreciation of the opportunity to share in it. Nobody received a salary. Everybody paid his own food and travel costs, or was sponsored by his own Church or District MYF group. Many chapters sent money as part of the $4,000 goal for the project, in June, during MYF Week, and then raised additional funds to send people to do the work.

We slept in rooms at the teachers' quarters of the village Chinese School. We held our recreational and discussion meetings in the school classrooms. We ate our

Bringing a 230-pound sack of cement to the mixer are Mak Chee Thong, Kuala Lumpur, Ding Ming Kee, Ipoh, Samsakdi Lokdai, Bangkok, and S. Rajoo, Ipoh. It took more than 100 of these bags to do the job.

Ruth Fang, Kuala Lumpur, Winnie Wee, Singapore, Lulu Toh, Penang, Betty Ngoi, Singapore, and Maggie Ong, Kuala Lumpur, carried water from a nearby outlet to the cement through

Mong Yoon Weng, right, of Singapore, adds water to cement, sand, and stone, while the shovel team is composed of Tan Soo Liat, Singapore, Somkid Manaratana and Waropat Sae Ung, Bangkok, and Ding Ming Kee, Ipoh. S. Palanyandi, Malacca, awaits his turn.

The job of pouring the concrete is suppervised by the head carpenter, Mr. He Yun Pwo, assisted by Lim Seow Hoon, Ipoh, Tan Soo Liat, Singapore, Eddie Ooi, Penang, and Ding Ming Kee, Ipoh.

Mr. Haines directs Bible Study in the Gospel of St. John, a nightly part of the programme at the Work Camp

The Nanakorn sisters, Bampen and Penpet, won the hearts of all the campers and spread good will for Siam

Guests attending the opening tea of Pendamaran Work Camp, August 12.

Lim Seow Hoon, Ipoh, Mak Chee Thong and Phang Yat Hoong, Kuala Lumpur, and S. Palanyandi, Malacca, formed one work detail when the site was cleared of lallang, August 13

meals in a shop-house assigned for our use by the Resettlement Officer for Pendamaran.

The food was solid but not fancy. Klang Woman's Societies of Christian Service did the buying and most of the cooking, providing a variety of food for different tastes. The girls who came to the Camp shared in the preparation of the food and all campers took their turn at setting the table and washing dishes.

The international aspect of the Camp was a feature. Five students from Bangkok, Siam, flew to Kuala Lumpur by way of Penang and arrived on August 16 to remain for the rest of the Camp. They were sent by the American Presbyterian Mission in Siam with the assistance of the World Council of Churches. One of the campers had lived many years in Java. Javanese and Siamese foods appeared on the menu at various times and Siamese games became a part of our Camp education.

Work began by 7.30 each morning and the campers were divided into teams and assigned specific tasks. After the lunch hour, activities were planned in three sections. One group returned to the Church site and worked. A second group went out, armed with instructions by two resident missionaries and with a copy of the Gospel, to visit in the homes of the community. They invited villagers to the Sunday services, briefly presented the claims of the Christian faith, and left a tract. A third group stayed at the School and conducted recreation for village children.

Mr. Haines conducted nightly Bible study discussions in the Gospel of John—the Gospel of "light, life, and love", and there were informal discussions on interracial marriage, public lotteries, the attitude of Christians toward war. Recreation in the evenings ranged from American folk games to Siamese classical dancing.

There was no work on Sundays but campers found a variety of things to do. Many of them assisted in the Sunday School at Klang by teaching and speaking for the devotional exercises. Others rendered help at the morning service in the village School Hall. Others visited churches in Port Swettenham and Klang where the story of the project in Pendamaran was related by pastors.

Campers also visited three other New Villages in the West Coast area. The District Officer of Kuala Langat took one group on a tour of Jenjarom New Village, fourteen miles from Klang, near the centre of operations of a notorious bandit leader who was recently killed by security forces. Another delegation went to remote Simpang Ijok, forty miles north of Klang, to inquire into the possibility of Christian services for the people. The entire Work Camp travelled to Tanjong Sepat, on southwest Selangor's coast, and toured the area, also viewing a Malay Rehabilitation Centre at Morib.

The first four days of the Camp were spent in cutting the tall grass from the site and building the frames in

which the posts were to be set upright. The Church's architect and building consultant, Mr. Paul P. Wiant, came from Singapore, between trips to Sarawak, and spent four days in the beginning of the work and giving advice for the completion of it.

Monday, August 18, we turned to filling the church site with the necessary earth. When the contracted lorries failed to bring in the "fill" on time, Mr. Haines approached the Resettlement Officer and asked permission to take Government lorries. standing idle, to the quarry so that we could "dig our own." This resulted in a saving of nearly $500 as the boys and girls repeatedly went out with chunkols and spades to get the dirt. They brought twenty loads before the job was over.

The Resettlement Officer also sent over a steam-roller which did the work of packing down the earth. By Saturday, August 23, we were ready to pour concrete. The Public Works Department, Klang, cooperated by sending a cement mixer. Mr. Teh Boon Kiat, Methodist layman of Klang and storekeeper for a Port Swettenham shipping company, provided cement at a special figure, made possible by using bags broken on arrival at the port.

The rafters were up when the week's work ended on August 30. Two days earlier, the Rev. Gunnar J. Teilmann, Jr., of Kuala Lumpur, climbed to the top of the building and nailed up a beautiful aluminium-covered cross, the living symbol of the reason the Work Camp had come to Pendamaran.

Applying creosote to the rafters was not an easy task but it had to be done next. Wednesday, September 3, and the following day saw the completion of the roofing. When the last five campers left for their homes on September 5, the weatherboarding had started up.

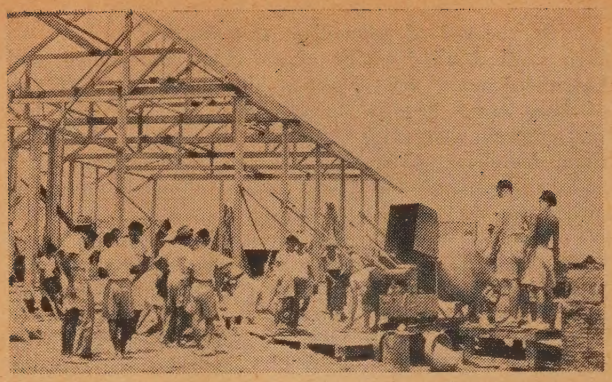
By the end of September, this weatherboarding had been finished, the verandah constructed and roofed, and "expanded metal" on the upper sides put in place. Teams of boys from Klang's Anglo-Chinese School, who had first come to the village to prepare the way for the Work Camp, returned on Saturdays in late September to work on the drains and to bring additional earth from the quarry for the Church compound.

Many of the campers were unable to give their full holiday time to the work, although sixteen of them did. Some could obtain only one week leave from their employment, but they came for that week. In the number were two young people from Singapore, who left before the end of the Camp in order to attend in Kuala Lumpur a special training course for volunteer workers for the New Villages, They are now engaged in this volunteer work on a two-year basis.

One boy, the son of a labourer, was unable to provide his food expenses, but could secure funds for travel. He came. Some in the group had not been baptised, but the Work Camp provided new inspiration for them through Christian fellowship. One camper wrote afterwards that this fellowship was of a kind not seen in some of the campers' own homes. Five of the delegation from Singapore's Wesley Church are new Christians. They came girded by prayer meetings held regularly in their District and by a consecration service arranged almost on the eve of their departure from the Colony. One young teacher cut short a visit with his fiancee in order to give more days to the Camp.

Mrs. Lee Sim Beng, daughter of the Rev. Hong Han Keng, of Singapore, headed up the local food committee. She gave a dinner for the campers one night. The Klang

Tired but still smiling—thirty-eight campers say "Cheese!"



"Uncle Harry" Haines watches the mixer, while campers sift sand and carry concrete

Chinese Church and Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Chacko also played host to the campers on two other evenings. A group of laymen from the Klang Wesley Church, led by Mr. Chan Peng Hong, provided a final dinner and presented badges to campers in appreciation of their coming to Pendamaran.

Last March 17, the village of Kampong Bertang, fifty miles north of Klang, was burned to the ground and the inhabitants were removed to Pendamaran to build new homes. Kampong Bertang was completely controlled by the Communist terrorists and security forces had no other choice. But in the burning operation the little Chinese Methodist Church in the Kampong went, too. The disillusioned and confused Christians in the group, when they arrived in Pendamaran, found no church building. But they did find that the day before they lost their Church, March 16, a Sunday School and preaching service had been initiated at Pendamaran by the Methodists. Now they have a Church again.

The total cost of the project is expected to exceed $8,500. Of this amount, $4,000 is being contributed by the Malayan Methodist Youth Fellowships. A claim has been entered for compensation for the Kampong Bertang Church. Ipoh's Wesley Church is giving a pulpit. A Klang Chinese layman is sending an organ from his home. The Klang Chinese Church is supplying pews. At the present time, painting is being completed. Bishop Raymond L. Archer plans to come in November to dedicate the building.

Although campers met every morning for the three-and-a-half week period for prayer at the church site, before beginning the day's work, the first service at the place was held in front of the partially-completed building, Tuesday night, September 2. The kerosene lamps used that night were mounted on a crude tripod which had been used to sift sand for the cement work.

Even more meaningful is the fact that the very site on which the Church was erected is covered with an

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MORE CONFERENCES FOR THE BISHOP

When Bishop Raymond L. Archer returned from a seven months trip around the globe, he had participated in the General Conference, the Conference on Missionary Strategy, and the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference. The last-named meeting was held at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, June 11-15, and Bishop Archer represented the Council of Bishops as a special speaker.

But when the Bishop arrived in Singapore, he plunged almost immediately into a round of Annual Conferences. Coming back to the Colony on September 17, the Area leader flew to Rangoon on September 29 in time for the opening session of the Burma Annual Conference, which commenced on October 1.

The schedule in November calls for Bishop Archer to speak at Seremban and Pendamaran New Village and there is to be a meeting of the cabinets of the Malaysia Chinese and Malaya Conferences in Kuala Lumpur, also in November.

Then the Sarawak Mission will be organised into the Sarawak Provisional Annual Conference, under permissive legislation passed in May by the General Conference, from December 3 to 7, at Sibu.

Malaysia Chinese Conference will continue to be a "Christmas Conference" as it convenes at Foochow Church, Singapore, on December 26. The closing date is December 31.

Plans now call for the Malaya Conference to be held in Malacca, from Friday, January 2, to Tuesday, January 6, 1953. Tentative date for the Sumatra Provisional Annual Conference is January 21-25. 1953.

The time and place of the Southeastern Asia Central Conference have not been set.

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Editorial

"I Advise You To Go Hence"

It was in the month of May that the General Conference set in motion the renovated and lubricated wheels of church machinery for a new four-year period. But it is in October that they have begun to turn in South-eastern Asia.

With the return of the resident Bishop, the first day of this month has seen the opening of the 1952 session of the Burma Annual Conference. Then will follow the destiny-laden organisational meeting of the new Sarawak Provisional Annual Conference and, in rather rapid succession, conclaves of the other three bodies of Methodists in our territory.

Significant it is that the new evangelistic emphasis of The Methodist Church is slated to begin this month, too. From now until June, people all over the British Commonwealth of Nations will be preparing for and anxiously awaiting the coronation of their new Queen. But Methodists will be thinking in addition of the great service to that Commonwealth which has resulted from the life and work of a man who was born June 17, 1703.

The England of two hundred and fifty years ago was a place of colonial ferment and social upheaval. Her need for high standards in public morals was as great as the world's need is today. England had a Queen then, too. Her reign of twelve years saw victories by the Duke of Marlborough over France at Blenheim, Oudenarde, and Malplaquet in the War of the Spanish Succession. John Wesley was four years old when the Act of Union joined together England and Scotland.

Under the Hanoverian kings, the first three of that line named George, Wesley watched the growth of Britain's colonial empire in India and North America and more victories over the French. He lived until he was nearly eighty-eight and therefore was still alive when the French Revolution came, simultaneous with the election of George Washington as the first president of the United States.

But even more, Wesley was involved in the swirl of social disintegration in England itself. His experience of the warm heart was the spark which became in time a fire of evangelistic passion throughout the islands and, eventually, into all the world.

Wesley was once told by the Bishop of Bristol: "You have no business here; you are not commissioned to preach in this diocese. Therefore I advise you to go hence." The answer of the man of Epworth to the Lord Bishop has become a part of history. "The world", he affirmed, "is my parish." That Wesley did "go hence" has meant a clue to the abundant life for a host of Christians throughout the globe.

It is the two-hundred and fiftieth anniversary of his birth that Methodists are asked to commemorate as we come to the Annual Conferences and as we plan our work for the first six months of 1953. The best way to do that is to inculcate the experience of the warmed heart and the changed spirit in all our churches and in all our homes.

There Is A Reason

One of the most wonderful opportunities afforded to the work campers at Pendamaran, in August, was that of witnessing for Christ. There were deeply spiritual moments of testimony within the group itself. But the outthrust of our Christian experience in visits with the people of the village was an even more efficacious evidence of Divine leadership in the work we were doing.

Three campers, near the end of the camp, had a most interesting discussion with the head carpenter for the church building. They asked him, "What do you think of our religion?" The next day the camp director talked with him along the same lines. The answer the carpenter gave was this: "I have never believed in any religion before, but I am deeply impressed as to the reasons why you have come here, for I have never heard of people paying their own travel and food, giving up their holidays and working from early morning till late afternoon and all this for someone they don't know. There must be a reason and I want to know more about it."

Last month we were called upon to observe Public Morals Week in our churches. It strikes us that the key to high standards of morals in the life of the community is to be discovered in the public example of those who name the name of Christ above every other name. That the carpenter could sense something of the spirit of Christ in the lives of the work campers is to their credit. Suppose his testimony had been otherwise? Do non-Christians, watching you and me, detect "a radiant clue to the meaning and mystery of life?"

Nine New Bishops Are Consecrated

The months of June and July saw the election and consecration of nine ministers as bishops of The Methodist Church, in connection with quadrennial meetings of the six Jurisdictional Conferences in the United States of America.

Two new episcopal areas were created, one of them in the division of what has been the Kansas-Nebraska Area and the assignment of a bishop to each state, and the other in the new arrangement of the former Saint Paul (Minnesota) area so that Minnesota is now an area of its own and the states of North and South Dakota are a new episcopal territory.

Bishop Frederick Buckley Newell, 62, who has been executive secretary of the New York City Society, an agency of the Methodist Board of Missions, since 1930, was elected on June 13 by the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference, at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Chosen on the ninth ballot, Bishop Newell was assigned to the New York Area, with Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam shifting to Washington. Bishop Charles Wesley Flint was granted the retired relation after a number of years as bishop in Washington.

Bishop Edgar A. Love, also an official of the Board of Missions, was named on the third ballot at the Central Jurisdictional Conference, which met June 18—22 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Bishop Love has been superintendent of the department of Negro work of the Board of Missions since 1940. He was appointed to the Baltimore Area, succeeding Bishop Alexander P. Shaw, who retired at the same time. Bishop Love is 61 years old.

Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., is the son of a Methodist bishop of the same name. He was chosen on the fourth ballot by the Central Jurisdictional Conference. For twelve years pastor of Saint Mark's Church, Chicago, he became superintendent of the Columbus, Ohio District, less than a month before his election. To fill the place of Bishop Edward W. Kelly, who retired, Bishop Clair has been assigned to the Saint Louis Area.

Bishop John W. Branscomb, whose age is 47, is the new leader of the Jacksonville (Florida) Area. He succeeds Bishop Roy H. Short, who moved to Nashville with responsibility for the Tennessee and Holston Conferences. Bishop Paul B. Kern retired from that Area at this year's session of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, held in Roanoke, Virginia, June 25—29. Bishop Branscomb, chosen on the fifteenth ballot, June 27, thus becomes head of his own home Conference, Florida, besides having responsibilities in Cuba. Since 1944 he has been pastor of First Methodist Church, Orlando, Florida, and was recently cited by the magazine, *World Outlook*, as the missionary pastor of the year, for the wide interests in missions of his church and the great financial support given to the missionary programme. (Bishop Branscomb's picture appeared on the cover of *The Malaysia Message* last April.)

Bishop H. Bascom Watts, 61, was elected on the seventh ballot by the South Central Jurisdictional Conference, in Wichita, Kansas, meeting June 25-28. Superintendent of the Tulsa, Oklahoma, District since he left the pastorate of Tulsa's Boston Avenue Church two years ago, Bishop Watts now resides in Lincoln, Nebraska, and has responsibility for the Nebraska Conference. Bishop Dana Dawson retains his residence at Topeka, Kansas, but now has only the Kansas and Central Kansas Conferences to administer.

Bishop D. Stanley Coors was the first of three new "general superintendents" elected by the North Central Jurisdictional Conference, which met in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, July 9-13. The retirement of Bishops J. Ralph Magee, of Chicago, and Ralph S. Cushman, of Saint Paul, Minnesota, occasioned two of the elections. The creation of the new Dakotas Area, as distinct from the Minnesota Area, made necessary a third election. Bishop Coors, 63 years old, comes to his new work in Minnesota from a fourteen-year pastorate at Central Church, Lansing, Michigan. He became a bishop on the eleventh ballot.

Bishop Edwin Edgar Voigt, 60, was the only college president named in this year's group. For ten years he has been head of Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa, and earlier was for twelve years on the faculty at Garrett Biblical Institute, Northwestern University. The election as bishop came on the fourteenth ballot. He now lives at Aberdeen, South Dakota, and is in charge of the new Dakotas Area.

Bishop Francis Gerald Ensley becomes the second youngest bishop in Methodism. He is 45, only eighteen days older than Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, who has been a bishop since 1948. Bishop Ensley, nephew of retired Bishop Francis J. McConnell, achieved election on the fifteenth ballot. After a six-year tenure on the faculty at Boston University School of Theology, the new bishop became, in 1944, the pastor of North Broadway Church, Columbus, Ohio. He is resident now at Des Moines, Iowa, where he succeeded Bishop Charles W. Brashares. Bishop Brashares is the successor to Bishop Magee at Chicago.

Bishop A. Raymond Grant, 55. was chosen by the Western Jurisdictional Conference, which met at Santa Barbara, California, July 10-13. Election was on the sixth ballot. Bishop Grant has been pastor of First Church, Sacramento, California, since 1937, and previously had held pastorates in Iowa and Minnesota and had served on the staff at Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California. He has been sent to the Portland, Oregon Area, to take the place of Bishop Kennedy. the latter having gone to Los Angeles to succeed recently-retired Bishop James C. Baker.

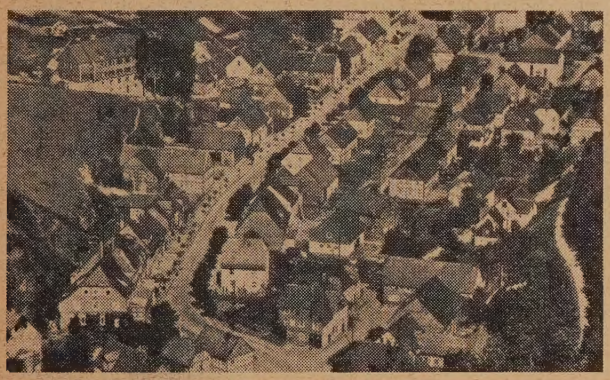
There were no other changes in residences of the bishops in the United States. However, in accordance with General Conference action, no bishop was sent by the Southeastern Jurisdiction to the Geneva, Switzerland, Area. That Area, formerly served by Bishop Paul N. Garber, will be visited regularly by Bishop Arthur J. Moore, of Atlanta, Georgia. Bishop Garber is now resident at Richmond, Virginia, succeeding Bishop W. Walter Peele, recently retired.

THE CHURCH AND THE BRIDGE FROM WILLINGEN

HOBART B. AMSTUTZ
Delegate from the Malayan Christian Council

(Concluded from the September issue)

One of the memorable experiences of the Conference was the excursion on Sunday, July 13, when we were taken in buses as guests of Lutheran Churches of this State to visit a number of "Missionary Festivals", where speakers, chiefly nationals from our Conference, addressed audiences that packed the churches. The day culminated in a visit to Marburg. the home of the oldest Protestant University in the world, where we witnessed the dramatic presentation of an honourary Doctorate of Theology upon Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette of Yale University. We were first taken to the top of the hill crowned by the famous castle and shown the room where Martin Luther and Zwingli, under the sponsorship of Philip of Hesse,



Air view of the village of Willingen (Waldeck), Germany, scene of the 1952 session of the International Missionary Council

held their famous disputation. Then we gathered in the Hall of Knights, decorated with the proud shields of a period now long past. The honour came as a complete surprise. "With all my heart I thank you for this high honour," said Dr. Latourette. "This gesture on your part represents the common tie that we have in Christ—a tie that continues between Christian countries so recently separated by war."

The day ended with a moving service of worship in the Saint Elizabeth's Cathedral, the oldest gothic structure in Germany. The resident bishop preached the sermon. The music from the grand organ, the many objects of interest in the Church—once a Roman Church—and the tombs of Frederick the Great and of Hindenburg made this last hour on a full day's programme something not to be forgotten.

One fact was startlingly seen from the beginning of the Willingen meeting: the tremendous push of the missionary movement toward unity in the Church. That "Christ is not divided" was not only made clear by Dr. Kraemer in his Bible Hour, but also by almost everything that came out of the debates and discussions and reports. And the question, "How can we ask the Younger Churches to do what we do not do in the so-called sending Churches?" was openly faced.

Many delegates felt that we need a new mission vocabulary. The word "foreign" is a distasteful and offensive word as a definition of "missionary", but no other word was accepted out of the many suggested at the meeting. Objection was also expressed to the use of the adjectives "Older" and "Younger" as applied to the Churches of the West and of the East, and to the use of the word "National."

The call to "Mission and Unity" may well be the chief fact about Willingen, 1952. "Through the ecumenical movement God is drawing his people together in order that he may enable us to discern more clearly the contradictions in our message and the barriers to unity which are also hindrances to effective witness in a divided world," said the Conference.

As in previous conferences, Bishop Leslie Newbiggin of South India struck a challenging note in his suggestion that Willingen should lead in recovering missionary initiative. The International Missionary Council was challenged to "explore the possibility of the formation of international, inter-racial and inter-denominational teams composed of missionaries from both Younger and Older Churches to work out new strategic frontiers."

It is difficult to describe how strongly the meeting felt on the matter of Church and Mission. The outgoing thrust of mission is part of the given life of the Church. The "little ship on the stormy sea carrying the cross of Christ" (which was on all the signs, the cancellation die at the post office, and elsewhere on posters) was the symbol of the Conference. Confronting East and West with the continued judgment of God, Willingen re-affirmed our unity in Christ and faith in his victory and reign come what may in our world.

In Bishop Newbiggin's words: "We meet as a fellowship of those who are committed to the carrying out of Christ's commission to preach the Gospel to every creature. We face a world in which other faiths of revolutionary power confront us in the full tide of victory, faiths which have won swift and sweeping triumphs, and which present to the Christian missionary movement a challenge more searching than any it has faced since the rise of Islam. The battle is set between his hidden Kingdom and those evil forces which lure men on towards false hopes, or blind them down to apathy, indifference, and despair. There is no space for neutrality in this conflict. Every man must choose this day whom he will serve. . . . . .

We confess with penitence our share of responsibility for the terrible events of our time. But we preach not ourselves but Christ crucified, to human beings seemingly a message of defeat, but to those who know its secret, the very power of God."

Willingen has a beautiful railway bridge built out of locally hewn sandstone. We came into the village over this bridge and went away over it at the end of the Conference. May God lead the Church to new deeds and achievements over the bridge from Willingen.

AMBASSADORS OF GOODWILL

J. HARRY HAINES

When the question is asked, "Which country has more Christians and church members per capita of population than any other country?" the answer usually names some European nation or the United States of America. The correct answer, according to Dr. Rajah B. Manickam of the World Council of Churches, is Fiji in the South Pacific. It is a further surprise to discover that 90 percent of the Fijian population are members of The Methodist Church.

Eight hundred of the finest representatives of Fiji are now here in Malaya as members of the First Battalion of the Fiji Infantry to help in the fight against Communist terrorism. They will remain three years. In the short time since they came they have proved to be the idols of Malayan youth: seldom have we seen such outstanding athletes. At the recent All-Malaya Athletic contests in Ipoh they broke several longstanding athletic records and then further surprised the crowd by joining to sing a hymn.

Along with their athletic prowess they have proved to be exceptionally brave soldiers. In World War II, from a total of less than 250,000 population, Fiji sent two battalions to fight with American troops in the Solomon Islands campaign and earned for themselves one of the outstanding records of that War. For every Fijian soldier killed in action, they killed twenty-two of the enemy. Yet when they went into action in Malaya, the Fijian who killed the first terrorist wept afterwards. He found it difficult to reconcile the doctrine of Christian love, in which he believed, and the horrors of warfare.

Accompanying the troops is an outstanding Methodist chaplain, the Rev. Samisoni Vugakoto. To meet him recently was a real inspiration, for Samisoni is a man of God whose moral and spiritual leadership are a tower of strength to the Battalion. He has held several important pastorates before entering the Army and most recently was director of the Methodist Educational Centre at Davuilevu. The Rev. S. Tuilovoni, the first Fijian Methodist to study in the United States and a recent graduate of Drew Theological Seminary, is now superintendent of youth work at this Educational Centre.

When the Fijians arrived in Malaya, they were based in Singapore and the young men were bewildered by the bright lights of a big international seaport. Two soldiers told of walking along the streets of Singapore one Sunday morning and of being approached by two young ladies. One of the soldiers said to the other. "Don't speak to those girls. They are probably bad characters." To their amazement, the girls asked them if they wanted to go to the church nearby and led them to Wesley Church. This was their first introduction to Malayan Methodists.

Before long the Battalion was posted to Bahau in Negri Sembilan which, since the "Emergency" began in 1948, has been a hotspot for terrorist action. Here among the jungle and rubber plantations the Fijians felt at home again. One problem the officers find is how to restrain the men from volunteering for too many jungle patrols. They would rather be out on the track than sitting around the camp or visiting nearby towns.

As I walked through the camp there was a group of men building an ammunition dump and singing hymns as they worked. Another man recovering from an accident was lying on his bed, singing softly to himself, "Silent Night." There was an atmosphere in this place that I have encountered in no other military camp anywhere in the world. Mr. Samisoni pointed out that four of the men are local preachers and six of them the sons of Methodist ministers. On Sundays there is little problem about church attendance and the main question is how the Chaplain can get around to all the scattered companies. Every company wants a service and shows disappointment when the chaplain telephones to say he will not be able to come to a particular group until the following Sunday.

Discussions with Samisoni and some of the men revealed that they were impressed with what they saw of Singapore Methodism and their recent visit to Seremban's Wesley Church. "We are at home here among friends," they said, and expressed a desire to see more of the work of our Church in Malaya in the coming months. We hope many of our churches will have an opportunity to hear Samisoni for he is a preacher in the true Wesleyan tradition.

While they are great sportsmen, they are not happy about Sunday commercialized sports and as soldiers they have to go on trips as teams of footballers and cricketers. They will be very happy to return to Fiji where Sunday is a day of rest.

Recently there came to Malaya the parents of two of the soldiers. The father, Mr. Devaux, is one of the lay leaders of Fijian Methodism. He and his wife are spending three months with the Battalion to bring additional spiritual and moral strength to them. Mr. Devaux said: "The Fijian soldier is as brave as any other soldier but from the days of the first missionaries in 1835, who transformed the islands from a place of bloody intertribal warfare into a place of peace, we have been followers of the Prince of Peace." The prayers of all Fijians are with these boys who will help bring peace to Malaya and then return as soon as possible to their island homes.

The Methodist Church in Malaya will do all it can to help the Battalion. Already we have arranged to supply the Chaplain with a film-strip projector and a supply of religious films. Let us also remember in our prayers the 725 Methodist soldiers who themselves pray before they go out on patrol.

Mr. Haines, on behalf of the Fiji Battalion, has requested that any churches or individuals having used magazines which they have finished reading, particularly *Christian Advocate, World Outlook,* or *Highroad,* please send them to

The Rev. Samisoni Vugakoto,
Chaplain, Fiji Battalion
Bahau, Negri Sembilan

This is a very practical way in which we can serve these men. Better do it today!

Rev. Wong King Hwo

Senior Pastors Series No. 17

SARAWAK PIONEER, RUBBER PLANTER AND MERCHANT, EVANGELIST AND DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

THE REV. WONG KING HWO was born in Foochow China, in the district known as Min-tsin in 1879 on Confucius' birthday. He was educated in a Methodist Mission school located next-door to the Anglo-Chinese College. Mr. Wong was married at an early age and came to Sibu in 1901 in the second group of settlers. He was then only 20 years old. Mr. and Mrs. Wong settled at Sungei Merah. He helped the late Rev. J. M. Hoover build the first church after they had held services in various homes, five different people taking the responsibility for the preaching.

Just about the same time that Mr. Hoover first went to Sarawak Mr. Wong came over to Singapore to study in the J.H.T.S. (Jean Hamilton Training School) under the late Dr. B. F. West. He had already studied two years in a theological seminary in Foochow and had also worked there as a local preacher for two years. In the J.H.T.S. he studied Malay, Hokien, and the Bible.

After his return to Sibu in 1904 he took leave from the Conference in order to plant rubber but resumed his Conference relationship a few years later. He has his Ordination Certificates carefully preserved. He received his Deacon's Orders on the 7 February, 1909, from the late Bishop William F. Oldham, and his Elder's Orders on 16 February, 1911, from the late Bishop William F. MacDowell, who was the General Conference visiting Bishop for Asia in 1911.

The Rev. Wong King Hwo never actually took the pastorate of a church but in the early days worked on his rubber estate during the week and always assisted Mr. Hoover in all the things that Mr. Hoover was doing. Whenever Mr. Hoover urgently needed him he would fetch Mr. Wong with his little motor boat. Mr. Hoover in his later years always affectionately referred to Mr. Wong as "My Lieutenant." These two men worked together in every phase of the building of the Methodist Church up and down the Rejang River until Mr. Hoover's death. Mr. Hoover did not have the fluency in the Foochow language that Mrs. Hoover had and so Mr. Wong also acted as his interpreter.

Mr. Wong became the District Superintendent of the Sarikie District shortly before Mr. Hoover's death and when he died Mr. Wong took his place until Bishop E. F. Lee could send others to help. Mr. Wong has supervised the work in all the districts and knows all the work that we have in Sarawak, both churches and schools up and down the Rejang River. In late years Mr. Hoover was also greatly assisted by Mr. Ling Kai Cheng and Mr. Lau Kah Tee, who together with Mr. Wong, were Mr. Hoover's right-hand men.

In the early twenties Mr. Wong likewise became a business man and had a shop in the Sibu pasar which was destroyed in the big fire of 1928. After the fire he built a three-story reinforced concrete shophouse where he still conducts his business, under the name of Hock Choo Hoe, and is assisted by his two sons. He retired from active work in the Malaya Annual Conference in 1950 but is still present at all important functions in the Methodist Church in Sarawak.

Mrs. Wong King Hwo died in October 1941. Their marriage was blessed with ten daughters and two sons. Two of the daughters have died. Mr. Wong's sons have for many years assisted him in his business. His third daughter who, with several others, had been a staff nurse in the General Hospital, Singapore, is married to Dr. Ong Tan Tin, a graduate of the Medical College, Singapore, and now a medical practitioner in Sibu.

THE COVER

The newest Methodist Church in Southeastern Asia is this house of worship at Pendamaran New Village, near Port Swettenham, Selangor. It was built in large measure by young people from Singapore, Malaya, and Siam, who came during their August school holidays, lived and laughed with the villagers, and worked long hours in blazing sun

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Mr. Baruch Discovers America

JOSHUA BARUCH
Lay Delegate to the General Conference from the Malaya Conference

(Concluded from the September issue)

The women in America avail themselves of every opportunity to serve the Church. In the Civic Auditorium they were there to greet us. They gave us all the information we required. They were in charge of the cloakrooms in every part of the building, A first aid centre was run by them. There was a canteen with women ready to serve us with refreshments. They arranged tours around the city and they were the guides who took us on sightseeing trips. They invited us to tea and arranged lunches and dinners for overseas delegates. They were everywhere helping us, giving us advice and serving us in every manner possible. They were so friendly and most of them called me "Joshua."

I will never forget this incident: One of these ladies said to me one evening, "Joshua, I am not happy today. I am down in the dumps." I asked her why and with tears in her eyes, she said, "I have just said goodbye to my only son who has sailed off to fight in Korea." I was certainly touched by the words of this wonderful woman whose courage, fortitude, and love of Christian service had not kept her at home weeping over her terrible calamity. With unswerving loyalty to Christ she had come out to find happiness in serving us, the overseas delegates.

The WSCS members are in charge of a home for the aged. They are in charge of a home for working girls known as "Gam Moon", the "Golden Gate", where Chinese, Hawaiians, and other Asian girls find a haven of rest and joy in a strange city where they have neither relatives nor friends. I was invited to speak at "Gam Moon." I was touched deeply when I was told that the contributions given on their birthdays by these girls went toward the cost of training an Indian nurse to work among the village folks in India. Such is the Christian service rendered by these girls in San Francisco.

After two weeks of a busy but pleasant stay in California I travelled by train over the Rocky Mountains. The snow still clung to the tops of the mountains. The pine trees and the silver birch, the mountain torrents and deep gorges presented fascinating pictures of nature's beauty and wonder.

I met on the train my good friend, Rev. Clyde E. Lundy, father of Rev. Robert F. Lundy of Klang, who was gracious enough to meet us at the Conference. A tall man with a great heart! He took every chance of meeting and talking to the delegates from Malaya, and invited us to a sumptuous breakfast at one of the grand hotels in San Francisco.

I stopped at Salt Lake City and I was fortunate to be on time for the organ recital at the Mormon Temple. The biggest copper mine in the world and the Salt Lake, with water saltier than that of the Dead Sea, were two other places I visited. My next stop was at Chicago and I came on to East Lansing, Michigan. and stayed with my friend, Vanniasingam, in the State College. I was amazed at the efficient way they run this establishment, with thousands of students. I met two blind students there who are taking their master's degrees. I believe such things can happen only in America.

I spent half a day at the Niagara Falls, nature's most beautiful work of art. I saw a double rainbow across the falls. The beauty and glory of the scene in the evening sunset took my breath away. I came on to Quebec, the quaint old city that has the narrowest street in the world. I had to change my belief that "Heeren Street, Malacca" was the narrowest in the world.

From Quebec I sailed on to Liverpool. The vice-principal of Kirkby Training College, Mr. Gurney, and his wife, were good enough to drive me to the College, where I met most of the 150 Malayan student teachers. I gave them a travel talk and sang "The Satay Man" and "The Rickshaw Man". I am afraid the songs made them more home-sick than ever. They are all looking fatter and taller but terribly home-sick and they are certainly longing for curry, rice, and *sambal blachan.*

When I came to London I went to "Malaya Hall." It was a Saturday night and many students in London had come for the social and dance which they have there every Saturday. I was surprised when I heard a student from Malacca tell me that Bishop Archer was a great help to him and gave him valuable advice before he left Malaya. I was happy to hear him, for he is a non-Christian student.

At Saint Martin's Church in Trafalgar Square I listened to the rendering of "The Resurrection", a cantata, by the church choir, and attended the meeting of the "East-West Society."

I had a warm welcome from the Examination Secretary of the Cambridge Syndicate and visited the colleges which stand midst great scenic beauty. Saint John's Chapel and the National Gallery were places I visited in Cambridge.

I took a peep at Paris. In the morning I spent a good deal of time at "Louvre Museum and Art Gallery," but my stay was cut short by the Communist riot in Paris. The anti-Ridgway riot led by French women broke out in front of the hotel at which I was staying and the chair in which I sat drinking coffee was flung across the road by one of the mob. I had enough of Paris and I was glad to get back to London that very night.

I sailed home from Southampton on the "Canton" which stopped at Algiers, Port Said, Aden, Bombay, Colombo, and Penang. My good friends the Dodsworths welcomed me in Penang and I had real American pancakes and cookies for the first time east of Suez.

I was overwhelmed by the hospitality and warmth of the welcome accorded by the Americans. On board the ship, in the train, in the hotels and everywhere the Americans went all-out to make a stranger feel one with them. The sincerity of their friendship was evident not in mere words but in acts of kindness. No outward show and no stupid customs make one feel out of place anywhere in America. At lunch or breakfast you can be at ease in a shirt and shorts and nobody cares as long

as you eat a good hearty meal. My violin made many good friends for me among strangers everywhere. Had I the time I could have stayed in America a long time telling the people of our Christian work, about our churches, and what The Methodist Church is doing in the resettlement areas and in far-away Kapit.

There ought to be wider publicity about our churches. Side by side with scholarships for study in America, which confine a student to some college or state, there ought to be more Chinese and Indian Christians from Malaya going from place to place speaking in churches and young people's groups. We need American sympathy, American support, and American friendship and there ought to be more Asian laymen and ministers visiting this great country. America is out to help not only the Far East but every place where there is need. The Church in Malaya will be all the richer for a closer understanding and mutual sharing of our Christian experiences with our brothers and sisters across the seas.

Two letters written by pastors of churches where I spoke will be of interest:

May 1, 1952.

Dear Mr. Baruch,

Your coming to Saint John's Methodist Church gave us a real spiritual uplift. Your fine Christian spirit, your very informative talk, and the sample of your children's work of art will long be remembered by us all. I am sure that you would do well to let other churches know of your work while you are in the United States of America, because we need to know more about missionary work abroad from such a person as you.

May God richly bless you and your people in your chosen field.

Fraternally yours
Ettore Di Giantomosso, Minister
Saint John's Methodist Church
San Francisco

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May 4, 1952.

To our friends in Malaya,

The Methodists of Corning, California, want to thank you for sharing your lay delegate to our General Conference with us for our Adult and Junior churches this morning.

Mr. Baruch thrilled us all as he told about your work there. He made us feel a common relationship with so many of God's children. Never will our people forget the challenge we got to redouble our missionary efforts in behalf of world missions. Your representative really honoured us by his message and presence. Through him we extend to you our grateful thanks for your choice of him to our General Conference. As an ambassador of Christ and a citizen of your country he ably and eloquently represented you and your people.

Moreover, it has been such a delight to have had Mr. Baruch in our parsonage home.

With prayers and best wishes we are,

Yours cordially and fraternally
Dr. and Mrs. Irvin A. Engle,
Corning, California

Christian Love In Action

Bungan anak Ambang, a Dayak young woman, died of illness in the Sibu hospital, on Sunday 24th August. Her father, mother and an uncle were with her at the time; but being in a completely strange town, three days' journey from their own home, they had no idea how to go about arranging for the burial of the girl. When the Rev. Ding Siu Ca, pastor of the Sibu Methodist Church, heard that these members of our Methodist constituency were in need, he immediately offered help. With the assistance of several members of his Chinese congregation, he made all arrangements for the burial. A coffin was found. Bearers were hired. A plot in the cemetary at Bukit Lima was made available.

On Monday morning Bungan's body was placed in the coffin, and prayers were offered while the mother and father stood for the last glimpse of their daughter. Then the uncle followed the bearers to the distant cemetery There the Rev. Ding Siu Ca, the Rev. L. R. Dennis and the Rev. Burr Baughman led in prayer as the coffin was laid in the grave.

The uncle, Belayong, was intensely interested. He asked about the grave just beside that of his niece, and was told that that was the grave of the wife of one of Sibu's well-to-do Chinese merchants, whose name he knew. A little farther along he saw the elaborate grave of a former rich trader. He watched how the Chinese bearers handled the coffin of his niece as considerately as they would have handled that of one of their own race. He listened reverently as prayers were said in his own language, and in Chinese, and in English. He turned away with tears in his eyes as he said he would return to his own house and tell all his people how wonderfully kind the Chinese Christians had been to these Dayak strangers in their midst.

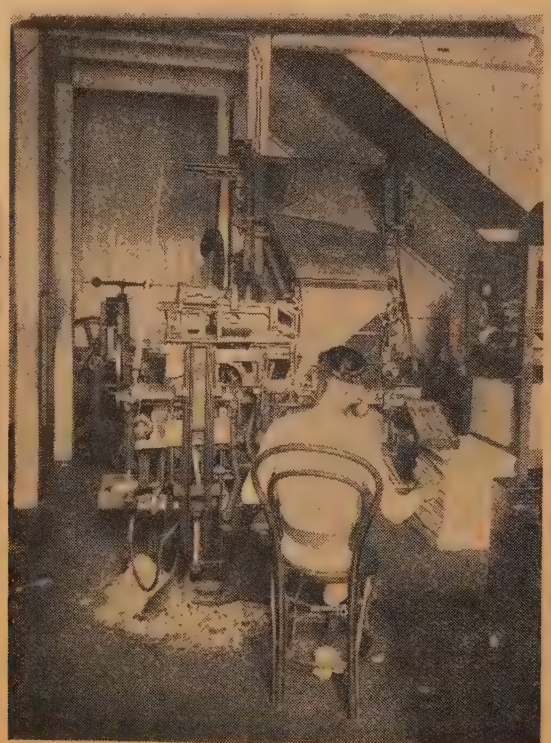
Some of the sons and daughters of pastors and missionaries who joined the Rev. Goh Hood Keng for tea at Klang, June 5. Left to right: Thomas R. Abraham, the Rev. William H. T. Abraham, and Mrs. F. Saravanamuthu, children of the Rev. Samuel Abraham; Mrs. A. R. Kandiah, daughter of the Rev. James A. Subramaniam; standing on either side of Mr. Goh are Mrs. G. C. Proctor and Dr. G. W. L. Holsington, whose father was a pioneer Tamil pastor in Singapore; Miss Tan Bee Lay, daughter of the Rev. Tan Han Kiat; and Mrs. David L. Gulland, daughter of Dr. W. G. Shellabear. The younger generation in front are the Teilmann girls and the Lundy boys. The editor stands at the back.

Looking Back

By FRANK C. SANDS, O.B.E., J.P.

It is difficult in these modern days for people in Singapore to visualize a journey by train from Tank Road to Pasir Panjang. But in the early days of this century it was quite a good way to travel. I used to take my Boy Scouts to picnics at Labrador Villa (then a Government Bungalow standing alone on the site now known as Labrador). We would meet at the old Tank Road Station and take a train to Pasir Panjang Station, at the junction of Pasir Panjang Road and Alexandra Road. From there we would walk to the bungalow. Occasionally we would be allowed to use the bungalow for a week's camping and then the "barang" would be sent by bullock carts, in charge of an advance party, while the main party would go by train.

Methodist Publishing House 1910



The First Commercial Linotype in Malaya, 1910

You who now fly around the country in large cars, taxis, lorries and motor buses would have had to be content with a much more humble means of transport in the days of which I write. There were a few routes of electric tramways (and a ride in one of these cars resembled a "switchback"). Mountbatten Road, Keppel Road (from Tanjong Pagar to the Cold Storage) and other main thoroughfares in Singapore today did not exist in those days. Whiteaway's Building was in Stamford Road (now Oranje Hotel) opposite the Van Wijk Hotel (now the Convent School). To reach the Sea View Hotel, which was then a very unpretentious building, one had to travel to Geylang and turn up Tanjong Katong Road. The Kallang Airport and most of the land in the neighbourhood was a mangrove swamp.

When I first landed in Singapore in 1910 we arrived at the old P. & O. Wharf, a wooden structure long since demolished. I was met by the Rev. W. T. Cherry, who was my new "boss." He had a victoria in which we drove in state along the road parallel to the docks, through what is now the Empire Dock, but which was then the main road from the docks to the town, until we came to Boustead Institute and the present Anson Road.

While journeying from the docks to Mount Sophia (where my new home was to be) I was introduced to the sights of Singapore—Johnston's Pier, the old Hongkong Bank, the old Post Office, the Europe Hotel, and a delapidated wooden structure which was pointed out to me as the Municipal Offices. Fortunately the Anderson Bridge had been opened about a month before my arrival, so we did not have to squeeze over Cavanagh Bridge.

But readers of *The Malaysia Message* will be particularly interested in the Methodist Publishing House, for which I had come out to manage the Printing Department. At that time the M.P.H. (which belonged to the Methodist Mission) had just moved from Raffles

Place to Stamford Road. In fact, although the ground and first floors were open for business, the top floor and the back of the building were completed after my arrival. The original idea had been to use part of the ground floor as a Book Store and let out the part facing Stamford Road as shops. The first and second floors were to be used for the Printing Department, etc. Unfortunately Mr. Cherry could find no tenants for the shops, so he decided to rent the top floor as "flats" and brought the Printing Department to the ground floor. This arrangement continued until 1919, by which time the business had grown to such an extent that it was necessary to occupy the whole of the building.

Methodist Publishing House Staff 1910

The Staff in 1910, besides Mr. Cherry and myself, consisted of an American Missionary (Miss Irwin) and an Indian lady—these two looked after the Book Store—and a local staff of about 45 men. The first commercial linotype in Malaya was installed in 1909 and was operated by a Chinese, Mr. Tan Keng Watt, who recently died in Singapore.

The Methodist Publishing House was started by the Rev. W. G. Shellabear in 1890 in a small house at the corner of Selegie Road and Wilkie Road, Singapore, under the name of the "Mission Press." At first only religious printing was undertaken, but later on commercial work was taken in order to help with the expenses. The press was too small and ill-equipped to do very much and the Mission had no funds to finance the venture, but eventually the initial difficulties were overcome and in 1894 the press was moved to larger premises in Raffles Place under the name of "American Mission Press." This name was later changed to the "Methodist Publishing House."

Rev. W. T. Cherry arrived in 1900 and took over the management. He left the country in 1923.

In February 1928 the business was sold to a Limited Liability Company which has since carried on the business as the "Malaya Publishing House Limited." It is essentially an Educational Establishment. The M.P.H. prints and publishes school books and similar publications in English and Malay and 90% of the Book Department business is educational.

Rev. W. T. Cherry 1910

THE BOARD OF EVANGELISM of the Malaya Annual Conference has arranged for a regional retreat for ministers, women's evangelistic workers, and school principals in the Northern Malaya, Perak, and Central Malaya districts, to be held in Ipoh, October 17 — 18. This will be the first effort in the Conference to implement the World Wide Mission of Evangelism which the General Conference set up for 1953 in commemoration of the two-hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the birth of John Wesley.

BURMA WOMAN'S SOCIETY

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Burma Conference brought to a successful conclusion their work for the year on August 23, when representatives of most of the societies gathered in Rangoon for the annual meeting. Work of the society is both complicated and made interesting by the variety of communities and languages in which it is carried on. The work is in Burmese, Tamil, Telegu, Chinese and English. In many communities there is close cooperation between the Methodists and the Baptists and the women meet together.

Mrs. Mary Brewster Hollister gave the inspirational address at the annual meeting. Mrs. Hollister, who is well-known as the author of a number of stories on China for children and young people is the wife of Dr. George W. Hollister, pastor of the English Methodist Church, Rangoon. The Hollisters are long-time residents of South China and Dr. Hollister was professor of Bible at Ohio Wesleyan University in the United States.

Among those elected to take leadership in the work of Methodist women in Burma were Daw Thein Nyoon, of Syriam, President; Daw Amy, of the Methodist Burmese School, Rangoon, Vice President for Burmese work; Mrs. Tin (Ng Po Chu), of Rangoon, Vice President for Chinese work; Mrs. Thangaraj, of Rangoon and Dellah, Vice President for Indian work (Tamil and Telegu); and Mrs. George Logie, Principal of the Methodist English School, Rangoon, Vice President for English work.

Miss Helen Loomis, President of the Malay Annual conference W.S.C.S., was unable to take part in the conference as planned because of the delay in permission for her to enter Burma.

INCREASED STUDENT ENROLMENT AT TRINITY COLLEGE

On September 29 Trinity College, Singapore, started the fifth year with 13 new students and a total enrolment of 31 young men and women. These students are studying theology and training for the Christian ministry, or are enrolled in courses in kindergarten training or religious education.

Enrolment in the newly organized Chinese Department, in which courses are taught in Mandarin, has reached nine. New students in this section include Lam Hung Bun of Hongkong, Miss Ling Siew Kwang of Sitiawan, Chhoa Heng Xxe of Kuching, and Lau Teik Oon and Lai Wen Hua of Singapore. In the English Department, new students include J. D. Jacob of Lumut, Perak, Mrs. Noella Dana of Kuala Lumpur, Miss Violet Goh of Seremban, and Edwin Khoo, Ong Chaik Ghee, Andrew Teo, Miss Helen Paul, and Mrs. Marjorie Soon of Singapore.

The Rev. Tracey K. Jones was speaker at the opening service on the evening of September 29. The Rev. Theodore Runyan, Principal, and the Rev. Harry Johnson, Secretary of the Board, participated with John Lu as interpreter. The service was in English and Mandarin.

Members of the Board of Governors, members of the staff and students crowded the small chapel. Following the service an informal reception was held to welcome new staff members and students. New staff include the Rev. Frank Balchin, the Rev. Timothy Hwang, Dr. Chan Kai Ping, Dong Chiu Sing and Dr. Hubert Sone. Dr. Sone, formerly of Nanking Theological Seminary, and Mrs. Sone arrived from the United States on October 14.

BEDOK CHURCH CORNERSTONE LAID

The cornerstone of the new Bedok Methodist Church was laid on September 20, 1952 by the Rev. Chew Hock Hin, District Superintendent for the Straits Chinese District of the Malaya Annual Conference, assisted by Mr. Chan Wah Teck, the lay pastor. Others participating in the service were the Rev. R. A. Blasdell, Rev. J. H. H. Berckman, Rev. Khoo Chiang Bee, Mr. Choo Beng Lim, J.P., Mr. Lim Yew Chye and Mr. Koh Tiong Tai.

Documents of historical importance which were buried behind the cornerstone included a short history of the church, photographs of the pastor and his family, lists of the members of the Official Board and the Building Committee, copies of the Bible, the Methodist Discipline, and The Methodist Hymnal, plans of the new building and copies of current issues of Singapore newspapers.

In spite of bad weather more than one hundred and fifty people were present. Among the guests were Mrs. R. L. Archer, Mrs. Berckman, Mr. Ng Sen Choy, O.B.E., J.P., and the Rev. Hong Han Keng.

Following the service an informal reception was held on the grounds of the new church and refreshments were served. Plans call for the building, which will seat one hundred and fifty people, to be completed by January, 1953. However progress indicates that the church may be ready for use some weeks before that date.

"THIS MAKES SENSE"

"This Makes Sense" by George W. Hollister came from the press in Rangoon, Burma, on September 15. This concise paper-bound volume, Dr. Hollister states in the preface, has as its purpose "to help people understand some of the problems related to faith and salvation" and "to help find strong foundations on which to build faith." Copies of this book may be ordered through The Methodist Book Room, Singapore.

DEATH OF DR. PERKINS

Dr. Raymond G. Perkins died in Malone, New York, on September 18, 1952, according to a letter recently received by Bishop and Mrs. R. L. Archer from Mrs. Perkins. Dr. Perkins built the Methodist Hospital in Tjisaroea, Java. A fuller account of his life will be given in a latter issue of the Malaysia Message.

MORE ON WE BUILT!

(*Continued from page 6*)

inch of asphalt mixture, which we were told was put down during the occupation by the Japanese as an extension of the nearby Port Swettenham air strip. And the cement on the floor came from Japan. Even the roofing material bears the name of a firm in Osaka. "So," says Mr. Haines, "on part of the airfield where once Japanese planes took off to patrol the Straits of Malacca there stands today a Methodist Church."

AROUND THE MAP

Central Malaya District

Paragraphs about Pahang

Raub school children went to school during the August holidays this year, and they liked it! August 18 was the day of the opening of the Daily Vacation Church School, which was directed by Mr. Ted Miles of Kuala Lumpur, and Mr. Jesudason of Raub. Daily sessions were held from 4.30 to 7.00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Mr. Jesudason led the class work of children below Standard IV and Mr. Miles worked with the older children. Bible study, notebook work, and hand-work were elements in the schedule. The enrolment was fifty-two.

The week-end of August 23 and 24, Mr. Miles moved on to Kuala Lipis for Methodist Youth Fellowship and worship service engagements and then went back to Raub to stay until September 1. On August 31, there was a service at Cheron Estate, near Raub.

A Youth Activities Week occupied the first week of September at Kuala Lipis, where Mr. Miles has filled regular appointments semi-monthly since last January. The evening programme began each day at 5.30 and concluded at 7.30. It comprised recreation, worship, and evangelism, with a special appeal for new MYF members. Mr. W. C. Corry, British Adviser, Pahang, spoke on Friday, September 5, to the group. A church service on Sunday, September 7, ended the week's activities.

Education Is Christian at Sentul.

In Sentul, under the leadership of the Rev. J. A. P. Oswald, remarkable progress has been made this year. The construction of four new classrooms is now under way, and it is hoped to complete them by the end of this term. There is a great enthusiasm among the members of the staff as well as the students, not only for the building project but for the work of the school in general.

The Afternoon School under the efficient and capable direction of Mr. Lim Swee Hong, continues to grow not only in enrolment but in effectiveness as a Christian educational institution.

The Rev. Robert F. Lundy spent a week in Kuala Lumpur early this year, conducting special services in both the boys' schools and girls' schools as well as in the churches. A good number of students signified their desire to accept Jesus Christ. Mr. Low Hun Khing of the Sentul staff was among those who were baptised. The youth work is well organised under good leadership both in the Sunday School and in the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

The Church in Sentul has a fine group attending the morning services with a youth choir rendering assistance. The congregation raised a thousand dollars by a concert. A serious attempt will be made to build the parsonage next year.

Services in English are conducted by the Rev. Gunnar J. Teilmann, Jr., the first Sunday in each month and are well-attended. It is a real privilege to have him with us. We feel that his message is exactly what people need in finding and walking Christ's way of life.—(reported by Mr. William Dudley).

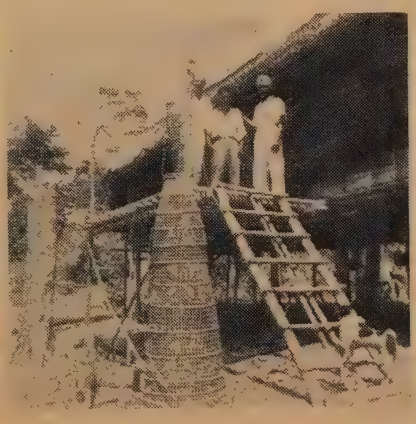
Good News from Telok Datoh.

Work is going forward on the new school building at Telok Datoh, midway between Klang and Morib Beach in southwest Selangor. It is expected that five classrooms and two quarters for teachers will be ready by the beginning of the January term in 1953. This school has been functioning without adequate facilities in the Crown Theatre in near-by Banting. It furnishes the only English education now available anywhere in Kuala Langat District.

Mr. J. A. P. Oswald, who recently succeeded Mr. G. S. Arumugam as manager of the school, says that in 1953 the Educational Department in Selangor will bring into effect a grant-in-aid programme for Primary, Standard I, and a special Malay Class. The private school will be continued for other standards in the morning. There will be an afternoon school as well.

Mrs. Bestiampillai, daughter of Mr. Ayaduray, a Christian worker of Ipoh. is the headmistress of the

Supply Pastor Ted Miles spent August 17—September 7 in full-time work on his charge, which he is able to serve during school months on week-ends only. Left and centre: a visit to a Sakai village twelve miles north of Kuala Lipis. Right: Jesudason, who assisted in the Daily Vacation Church School at Raub, August 18—22.



At a farewell service in the Chinese Methodist Church, Kampong Koh, June 18, Miss Mechteld Dirksen was honoured. Mrs. Peter Chen, president, Dindings District Woman's Society of Christian Service, presided and presented a gift to Mis Dirksen. The Wesley Church also joined in the affair and made a separate presentation. A farewell dinner was held later in the evening. Miss Dirksen is living now at Valhalla, New York. She is seated in the centre of the front row, with Mrs. Chen and Miss Marian Holmes on her right, and the Rev. Tiang Cu Gi and the Rev. Peter Chen on her left.

Methodist English School, as it will be called. A strong committee, led by the District Officer and the Assistant District Officer, recently has been reinforced by the membership of the Engineer for the Public Works Department, who has been giving a large share of his time to the project.

About 5½ acres have been provided in the land presented by the Government. This will provide for an expansion of the original five-room building and also for six or seven teachers' quarters. In addition, there is a portion set aside for the building of a Church, which Mr. Oswald hopes may be erected within the next five years. The site faces a spacious padang, which can be utilised by the School, and is flanked on either side by District Offices and Government quarters, with the Klang-Morib highway to the front and the Langat River to the rear. It is one of the most beautiful school sites to be found anywhere.

A New Christian and the Old, Old Story.

Nobody in Klang and Port Swettenham expected to see a Christian funeral when Mr. Goh Cheng Lok passed away on August 27. Nobody, that is, except his family and his pastors and closest friends. Mr. Goh, 56, had been in failing health almost since his retirement from Government service last year. He had served the Malayan Railways for over thirty-seven years and was Chief Clerk in the Port Manager's office at Port Swettenham at the time of his retirement.

He had willingly given his consent when his daughter, Miss Goh Guat See, desired baptism in 1950 and when his son, Goh Kong Seng, expressed a similar request earlier this year. Two days before his death he called his children's pastor and received Christian baptism. He was attended throughout his illness and his last hours by a close family friend, the Rev. W. H. T. Abraham. Christian friends who watched with the family through the time of "the valley of the shadow" attest to the remarkable peace of mind and of soul which chararterized his last eighteen hours of life. His body's last resting place on the hill near Klang can be seen from his home. The influence of his own decision for Christ has been cast as bread upon the waters throughout the community.

Northern Malaya District

Holiday Preacher at Penang Wesley

The Rev. Chew Hock Hin, superintendent of the Straits Chinese District in Singapore and pastor of the churches at Paya Lebar and Geylang, was guest preacher at Wesley Church, Penang, August 24.

Wesley Church (Fitzgerald Memorial) is also known as "The Church of all Nations." Its minister is Dr. Marmaduke Dodsworth, who is also District Superintendent.

The church has an Official Board of twenty-eight stewards and nine different committees, including those on membership and evangelism, music, reception, education, and policy.

Indigenous Leadership

For the first time in Penang and possibly in the Federation, an Asian has been appointed Acting Senior Inspector of Schools. He is Mr. Ooi Khay Bian, a graduate of Hongkong University. He is an active member of the English congregation at the Chinese Methodist Church, Madras Lane.

Mr. Goh Kim Leong is now acting Principal of the Anglo-Chinese School, Pykett Avenue, succeeding Dr. Ho Seng Ong, now of Kuala Lumpur, who is Educational Secretary and Principal of Methodist Boys' School there.

The Rev. Fred David, Principal at Parit Buntar Anglo-Chinese School, and Mr. Wong Hean Kim, Principal of Sitiawan Anglo-Chinese School, have been promoted to superscale appointments by the Education Department.

Piano Recital by Dr. Lofthouse

Dr. C. Thornton Lofthouse, examiner of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, London, gave a stimulating piano recital of choice works by Bach, Beethoven, and Handel at the Lady Treacher Girls' School, Taiping, July 30.

The School also organised a successful "Keep Clean" week during the last week of July.

Straits Chinese District

The Herald Says

The medium of publicity and information at Straits Chinese Church, Kampong Kapor, is called *The Herald*, and is edited by the pastor, the Rev. E. S. Lau.

The July number reports that the Church Picnic was held at Lim Teck Lee's bungalow at Ponggol on Tuesday, June 24. Messrs. Heng Chin Hock, Hubert Gan, and Freddy Tan directed the programme of "land sports" and Mr. Choo Beng Lim was heard in special songs during the community singing feature. There was swimming for all who cared to take advantage of it. The curry tiffin followed. Mr. Tan Siew Koon, Church School superintendent, directed plans. The pastor and the Lay Leader, Mr. Ee Soon Howe, conducted a closing devotional service in the afternoon.

This Church has arranged for a morning Junior Service in English from 10:10 each Sunday. This makes it possible for the young people to attend a service of their own following the Sunday School hour and still to return home in company with their elders.

Southern Malaya District

The Wesley Newsletter Says

Mr. Chen Chi Nan is editing and Mr. Koh Seat Wee is acting as business manager of a parish paper called *Wesley Newsletter* which is published by Wesley Church, Singapore. Here is some of the news from the Church:

The Wesley Guild (*see accompanying picture*) held the annual "Dyak Dinner" on July 16, with Asian and English food, hot and cold drinks, ice cream, and waffles on the menu. Proceeds were sent to Sarawak to further the work among the Dyak people.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Ricketts have moved to Kuala Lumpur, where Mr. Ricketts has been transferred for an eight-month period. Mrs. Ricketts has been president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service at Wesley Church and her husband has been a member of the choir.

"Church Night" was held August 3, to welcome into the fellowship of the Church the new members who had joined the Church or had been baptised at its altar in the weeks just preceding August. Mrs. Nellie Svasti, Mr. William Fredericks, Mr. Tong Kum Toh, and Mr. Chew Kia Song formed the committee in charge of arrangements. It was also the occasion for saying farewell to a number of Wesley members and friends who were moving away from Singapore.

Miss Prissy Kuen, who had not been to Church in four years. was honoured on her eightieth birthday, July 12, when she was specially recognised at a birthday party there.

The annual MYF Concert was held September 11 and 13 and the Bazaar sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service was an event of October 3.

Dr. Arthur Thevathasan, secretary of the Special Parish Committee, has led in the re-organisation of the Parish Fellowships. These attempt to bring together in different geographical centres among the membership groups of Methodists for the purpose of Christian fellowship, spiritual comfort and instruction, information about the members for the pastor's assistance, and inspiration for missionary work and witness in every part of the city. This is the modern counterpart to the "Class Meetings" set up by John Wesley in the early Methodist societies.

Officers of the Boys' Brigade at Wesley Church, Singapore. Back row, left to right: S/Sgt. Khoo Ah Pong, Warrant Officers Richard Teh Hong Piow and Titus DeSilva, Sgt. Tan Choon Tee, S/Sgt. Leong Thee Hai, Capt. James Shanks, Sgt. Khoo Thee Quee, Warrant Officer James McGinn, L/Cpl. Joseph Gay. Front row: L/Cpls. Ng Chan Choo, Tan Jee Hon, Wee Thim Lin, Ng Kwee Choo, Mellan Loh Kee Hock, Pravin Kumas, Lim Wing Onn.

CHILDERS AGAIN HEADS JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Marvin A. Childers, of San Antonio, Texas, was re-elected president of the Judicial Council of the Methodist Church, on May 3, at San Francisco.

The new vice-president is the Rev. Dr. Walter C. Buckner, of Pasadena, California, and the secretary, who now begins a second term, is the Rev. Dr. Charles B. Ketcham, Alliance, Ohio.

Four elections to the Judicial Council were held at the General Conference. Dr. Ketcham was re-elected to an eight-year term and the Rev. Dr. Ralph M. Houston, of New York City, was the other ministerial member chosen.

Fred B. Noble, of Jacksonville, Florida, and Clarence M. Dannelly, of Montgomery, Alabama, are the new lay members. All newly-elected council members will serve until 1960.

In addition to Dr. Buckner and Mr. Childers, the following persons are in the group whose term expires in 1956: the Rev. Dr. John Taylor Alton, Columbus, Ohio, the Rev. Dr. Walter A. Stanbury, Gastonia, North Carolina, and Mr. J. Ernest Wilkins, Chicago, Illinois.

The Judicial Council is the "Supreme Court" of The Methodist Church and rules in matters of appeals and constitutionality.

Christian Literature

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NEW BOOKS RECEIVED RECENTLY

MUSIC—Children and Adults

The Whole World Singing, by Edith Lovell Thomas

Singing Time, by Coleman and Thorne

Fifty-Two Sacred Songs—Shirmer

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Upper Room (19 carols)

World's Best Christmas Carols (76 carols)

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Mary and Jesus (new visualized stories of birth and childhood)

Children's Prayers (Upper Room)

Bible Stories for Boys and Girls, two volumes, Old Testament and New Testament, by Walter Russell Bowie

DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

The Glory of God, by Georgia Harkness

A Book of Prayers for Young People, by Richard Morton

Altars Under the Sky, by Dorothy Wells Pease

The Dark Night of the Soul, by Georgia Harkness

Two Minutes with God, by Paul J. and Phillip R. Hoh (family worship)

Let Us Pray, by Albert Buckner Coe

Every Day Religious Living, by Joseph Fort Newton

Every Day Religion, by Joseph Fort Newton

John Wesley's Prayers, edited by Frederick G. Gill

Meditations and Verse, by Ralph Spaulding Cushman Consolation, by Mrs. Charles E. Cowman

RECREATIONAL BOOKS

Do It Yourself, by Bernice Wells Carlson

Gay Parties for All Occasions, by E. O. Harbin

One of the few young adult groups among Malayan Methodists is the "Wesley Guild," of Wesley Church, Singapore. This large organisation holds regular Sunday evening meetings and arranges for a variety of week-day activities with particular appeal for University students, armed forces personnel, and young teachers. The Rev. and Mrs. Tracey K. Jones, Jr., are in the centre of the second row.

Games for Boys and Girls, by E. O. Harbin

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Guiding Children in Christian Growth, by Mary Alice Jones

Learning from Jesus (Primary), by Armilda Brome Keiser

Religious Beliefs of Youth, by Murray G. Ross

How to Build Up Your Church School, by Weldon Crossland

CHURCH PROGRAMMING

The Church in Community Action, by Harvey Seifert

The Practice of Evangelism, by Bryan Green

Building Church Membership Through Evangelism, by Dawson C. Bryan

A Planned Program for the Church Year, by Weldon Crossland

FICTION

The Robe, by Lloyd C. Douglas

Barabbas, by Par Lagerkvist

MORE NEW BOOKS

Handles of Power, by Lewis Dunnington

On Living with Yourself, by Charles M. Crowe

A Man and His God, by Russell J. Humbert

The One Church, by Clarence Tucker Craig

Faith and Education, by George A. Buttrick

The Counselor in Counseling, by Seward Hiltner

Facing Life and Getting the Best of It, by Clarence E. MacCartney

We Have an Altar, by Clarence Tucker Craig

The World's Religions, by Charles S. Braden

Ten Rules for Living, by Clovis G. Chappell

The Dignity of Man, by Lynn Harold Hough

Communion Meditations, by Gaston Foote

Christ's Alternative to Communism, by E. Stanley Jones

By the Way, by Francis J. McConnell

Prayer, by George A. Buttrick

Psychology, Religion and Healing, by Leslie D. Weatherhead

Talks to Youth, edited by Gordon Speer

Live with Your Emotions, by Hazen G. Werner

A Protestant Manifesto, by Winfred E. Garrison

A Treasury of Sermon Illustrations, by Charles L. Wallis

Cyclopedia of Bible Illustrations, by Paul E. Holdcraft

Strong's Exhaustive Concordance, by James Strong

Interpreter's Bible, Volume VIII.

Kuala Lumpur Epworth Leaguers at a picnic at Dusun Tua Hot Spring, Ulu Langat, in 1919. Some of them were "teen-agers" then and are now grandparents! Standing: Miss Sin Kiow (now Mrs. Leong), with Mary; Miss Sing Kee (now Mrs. Liew Ah Kim); Fong Lan (the late Mrs. Kwong); Mrs. Ho Seng Soon; Miss Kim Hioh (now Mrs. Ong); Hong Neo (now Mrs. Ho Seng Ong); Norma (now Mrs. Oorloff); the late Mrs. S. de Kretser; Mr. Nadarajah; the Rev. William H. T. Abraham; Mr. Ong Thye Ghee, and Dr. Ho Seng Ong. Seated: the late Mr. P. Robinson, Mr. Selvaduray, Mr. Chan Sit Chow, and Mr. Liew Ah Kim.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Misses Gladys Robinson and Thavamani Sinnappoo, teachers at Methodist Girls' School, Raub, who emplaned for the Malayan Teachers' Training College, Kirkby, Liverpool, England, from Kuala Lumpur airport, September 8. They were two of the three teachers selected from the state of Pahang in this year's Kirkby designees. They arrived in England, September 12.

Four Methodist students sailed to the United States aboard the Isthmian Line's steamer, "Steel Admiral," which left Singapore on September 11.

Miss Pansy Yee Sui Eng, president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship at Wesley Church, Singapore, will join **Miss Wong Shuk Moy,** who has been in America for fifteen months, at National College of Education, Evanston, Illinois. She will study for a bachelor's degree in primary education. She completed her senior Cambridge work at Methodist Girls' School, Singapore, in 1950, and has been a student teacher at Anglo-Chinese Junior School, Coleman Street, while pursuing studies at Teachers' Training College.

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Mr. James Tan Khai Beng, a teacher in Winstedt Road Boys' School, Singapore, will major in architecture at the University of Oregon in the city of Eugene through the USIS Foreign Exchange Scholarship plan. He has been secretary and chairman of the Commissions on World Friendship and Community Service in the Kampong Kapor Straits Chinese Church. He was educated at Anglo-Chinese School, Singapore, leaving there in 1949.

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Mr. Cheong Min Kee, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Cheong, Kuala Lumpur, came on the ship at Port Swettenham on September 12. He plans to enroll at the State College of Washington at Pullman, Washington. He, too, is on a USIS Foreign Exchange Scholarship, and graduated at Methodist Boys' School, Kuala Lumpur, in 1949. He has been secretary of Wesley Church MYF and vice-president in the District MYF, besides his work as a library assistant in the Kuala Lumpur USIS office. Mr. T. K. Cheong has served as a teacher in Kampar, Sentul, and Kuala Lumpur, and was acting principal of Methodist Boys' School, Kuala Lumpur, in 1950.

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Miss Betty J. Wong, of Sourabaya, Methodist student who is planning to attend Eureka College, near Chicago, Illinois, travelled with the other three students.

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Mrs. Thomas A. Harris, of Nanga Mujong, Sarawak, underwent a serious operation in the Sibu Hospital, August 26, but is making a satisfactory recovery and has returned to her new home at Nanga Mujong. Mrs. Louis R. Dennis, a registered nurse, supplemented the care given Mrs. Harris in the Government Hospital.

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The Rev. Goh Hood Keng has accepted a position as Assistant Principal in one of the new Government schools in Singapore, effective with the September term.

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Paul and Rebecca Hang, arrived in New York City on August 15 and were met by, among others, **Mrs. R. C. Singleton,** a friend of Mission Treasurer and Mrs. J. H. H. Berckman. Visits in Washington, D. C., and Chicago, Illinois, were highlighted by meetings with several Malayan students. **Miss Goh Chor Gee, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Chow, Mr. David Chow,** and **Mr. Ding Lik Kiu.** Philip and David Chow are sons of the **Rev. Chow Chee Yee** of Singapore. At Minneapolis, Minnesota they saw **Miss Ruth Harvey,** ex-Malayan missionary.

Then the two children of the Rev. Paul S. H. Hang were visitors in the home of **Dr. and Mrs. Paul B. Means,** at Eugene Oregon. Paul Hang also attended the wedding of **Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dodsworth,** which was held at Nooksack, Washington.

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Bishop and Mrs. Raymond L. Archer arrived back in Singapore, September 17, on the "Soesdijk." They left New York on August 14, and stopped at Alexandra, Port Said, Jiddah, Penang, and Port Swettenham.

Their fellow-passengers were discharged along the way in Malaya. **The Rev. and Mrs. J. Wesley Day** and two children, **Jack,** aged 10, and **Vivian,** 7, were in Penang a few days before going on to Teluk Anson to their new assignment. They were accompanied from Ipoh by Mrs. Paul Snead.

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Mr. Charles R. Goltz who also disembarked at Penang is a staff member of the Anglo-Chinese School there on the three-year special term arrangement.

At Port Swettenham, **Miss Evelyn L. Mercer** came ashore and went on to Kuala Lumpur. Upon docking of the ship in Singapore, **Mr. Teng Yu Chi,** Foochow teacher who has completed training courses at Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee, and at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, took passage to Sibu, where he will be attached to our Methodist school.

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Before going on to Sitiawan from Kuala Lumpur, Miss Mercer had a few hours with **Miss Marian Holmes,** who had left Sitiawan on September 11 and whose ship called at Port Swettenham, September 16—17, enroute to Colombo. A passenger on the Klaveness vessel "Bronxville," Miss Holmes spent the previous week-end at Belawan and Medan and missed seeing the Archers by only ten hours. Miss Mercer went with Miss Martha McCutchen to Sitiawan and Miss Holmes resumed her journey to the United States on furlough.

MYF

University of Life

Penang Wesley MYF experimented with a new programme known as "The University of Life," August 24. The whole group met in the sanctuary for a brief worship service. Then it divided into three smaller groups to discuss a subject all youths are interested in — "Boy Meets Girl"—under three resource leaders.

Following the discussion, the whole group met for a social hour at the pastor's residence.

Reunion Tea in Taiping

At the Reunion Tea, August 2, held in connection with Youth Activities Week, Mr. K. C. Yeoh spoke on the evils of gambling. He scored the ever-widening circle of gamblers who even get themselves into debt just for the thrill of "taking a chance."

The speaker told the young people that they could find joy and satisfaction by helping in the various forms of social service open to them.

Mr. J. C. Newton, Resettlement Officer and MYF counsellor, and Miss Helen Loomis, President of the Malaya Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, also spoke at the tea.

Prizes for the informal sports were distributed by Mrs. Teoh Thim Lam.

Taiping MYF sent $64.12 and Miss Lily Pandian to help in the Work Camp at Pendamaran New Village, near Port Swettenham.

MESSAGES TO THE MESSAGE

Langley, Washington
July 10, 1952

Editor,
The Malaysia Message
Sir:

When the April *Malaysia Message* arrived the other day it occurred to us that we should change our address.

It should read Rev. Linden B. Jenkins, Langley, Washington.

By the way have you considered using the *Advocate* in the name of the paper? We are always interested in the magazine when it arrives and although nearly every one we worked with is either retired or on furlough, yet we find many names of people therein in whom we are interested.

Just today we received a letter from Douglas Coole telling us that he and Polly are leaving for Sibu. I have time to write to them air mail in New York. We would like to be back out there.

We are on the south end of Whidby Island and practically surrounded by water. It is very beautiful here and the church is a Community Methodist Church and we hope it can be built up to serve the whole community. Just last week an electric Estey organ was given to the Church. We have many professional people who are retiring here or making plans. One professor and his wife are from Lincoln and are personal friends of Bishop Kennedy and also knew Gerald Summers and his wife and they were two of our best friends.

We enjoyed the picture of the Dodsworths, Eklunds, and Blasdells. A visit from the Amstutz two has been promised to us out here in the Northwest. We enjoyed them in 1946 when they could spend some time with us.

For the information of our friends we are not very far from Seattle, about one hour by car and a short ferry ride and we will be glad to see any and all of them. Mr. Kuppusamy visited us in Port Townsend and everyone liked him.

Our daughter, Mariel, who will finish high school this next year, is spending the summer helping a cousin at Coulee Dam but will come home in time for high school camp the last week in August. Darel will be a seventh grader, enjoys the swimming here very much, and has the job of taking care of the Church for $10 a month for which he thinks he can find use. This parsonage is on view property and is way too small and a mile from the Church, but we hope by fall the Church will own the lovely house next to the Church and then we will have three bedrooms and a study, and a lovely yard. Can still see the mountains and also the water from the upstairs. We will have room for friends.

Greetings to our friends and our best wishes and prayers for the work out there. It is very close to our hearts.

Faithfully yours,
Linden and Genevieve Jenkins

THE CLANCYS AT KAMEHAMEHA

Mr. T. Mori, teacher at Methodist Boys' School, Kuala Lumpur, has shared with the **Message** at letter from Mr. Hugh F. Clancy, written from Kamehameha School for Boys, Honolulu, Hawaii, August 13. Excerpts follow:

"We had a very pleasant voyage to Hongkong on the "Carthage" but on arriving there found that the "President Wilson" had been delayed for a month by a strike. We decided not to waste any time in Hongkong so flew by Philippine Airlines via Manila, Guam, and Wake.....The total time in the air between Hongkong and Honolulu is about twenty-four hours, the longest hop being 2,200 miles between Wake and Honolulu — just under nine hours.... We were admittedly a little nervous (quite frankly I was scared stiff) when one of the engines caught fire half way between Hongkong and Manila. But we came in quite happily on three engines (these planes can still fly with two) so we didn't have much to worry about. We arrived in Honolulu at three a.m. so didn't expect to be met. But we were—with leis and kisses (a nice Hawaiian custom)—by the president of the Kamahameha Schools, the Principal of the Boys' School, the Principal of the Preparatory School in which Mrs. Clancy will teach and some members of the staff.....

"The schools are built on a hill with a magnificent view of the whole of Honolulu and far out into the Pacific. We are installed in a very nice flat which is fully furnished including frig and stove. It is rent free because I shall be doing some dormitory supervision as a part of my job.....This is really a wonderful place in which to live and work. It is very much like America and reminds us strongly of Pasadena in California. The climate varies very little and is something like Fraser's Hill at its best. The air is quite dry, the sun is hot, but there is always a cool breeze so that you can walk briskly in the sun without perspiring very much. All around are nice brown-skinned people so we feel very much at home. In fact I find myself breaking into Malay every now and then though everybody speaks English with an American accent. It is really an ideal spot for us who love the tropics.

"These schools were founded by Princess Kamehameha, the last of the Royal Hawaiian line, who married an American named Bishop. She willed her entire estate to these schools which have sole use of its income amounting to U.S. $1,000,000 per year. The estate itself owns one out of every ten acres of land in the whole Territory of Hawaii. Admission is limited to children of Hawaiian ancestry though they do not need to be full-blooded Hawaiians for there has been a great deal of intermarriage here and the results are excellent.

"The schools are built on a site covering 500 acres, of which about half is forest land. The equipment is truly amazing (that is true of all the schools I have seen here.) Classes are limited to twenty-five pupils and that is the teacher-pupil ratio. Some classes are smaller. Though we will always remember the MBS and all our good friends in Malaya with keen affection, we know that we are going to be very happy here. My subjects are English and Religious Knowledge in the Boys' High School and I hope that I shall be able to do some coaching in track and diving. We have already had several swims at Waikiki and elsewhere. The former is very beautiful, (just like the pictures) but the beach itself is not nearly as good as the one at Port Dickson though the surf coming in from the Pacific is really wonderful....There is a hula festival going on at present at one of the large parks in the Waikiki area. We watched fascinated for a couple of hours the other day. There are hulas to commemorate every occasion and to express every emotion. Some are done stading and others sitting and there seems to be no age limit."

THE RANKS ARE FILING UP

October has brought six new workers to the Malayan shores. Added to the one who came in August and the four arriving in September, that is a total of eleven since mid-year. And there are still more to come.

Miss Marion Cole arrived in Penang on October 13 aboard the P. and O. ship, "Carthage", and has been appointed to Ipoh. With Miss Cole came Miss Martha Graf who went to Sarawak. Although their ship, the "Slamat", ran into a storm out of Halifax, five other persons are momentarily expected in Malaya. They are: the Rev. and Mrs. Hubert L. Sone, who will work in Trinity College; Miss Patsy Addington who will go to Taiping, Miss Martha Fay White, assigned to Fairfield School, Singapore, and Mr. Andrew Jackson Williamson, new teacher for Anglo-Chinese School, Singapore. Miss Gusta Robinett and Miss Jessie Wolcott will arrive in Penang with this group and go to Sumatra.

Miss Florence W. Smith, who came in August, was girls' counsellor at Pendamaran Work Camp and then spent some visiting in Sarawak. She came to Kuala Lumpur, September 25, and is teaching religious education at Methodist Girls' School. She will also do general evangelistic work and is already active in the Kuala Lumpur Hokkien Church. Her dialect is Hinghwa.

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